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WEDNESDAY MORNING......MARCH II, 1874.

CHARLES SUMNER. Charles Sumner died yesterday afternoon in this city at a few minutes before 3 o'clock. Wherever the es is read this morning the death of this distinguished man will be looked upon as a loss not only to his own country, but, indeed, to the whole world. Mr. Sumner's name and fante were more than national. He was probably the most distinguished American in civil life. For up to higher methods, and aspirations, and

their fidelity to principle, to what was right be a statesman, but his intense, unbounded ambition made him a politician, cold, calend justified the means. Sumner was a great moral hero. The right was everything to him. It was the inspiration of his culating and unscrupulous. With him the whole life; the star from which his eyes never turned; whose light as it came to him he followed through good report and boldly honest enough to assume the responhim he followed through good report and evil report from the day, forty years ago, when in his young manhood he entered tire Democratic party is at war with the only only College of Dental Surgery, difference in Second evil report from the day, forty years ago, when in his young manhood he entered the great victory almost won.

views and theories of right and wrong, however, were somewhat confused. With him expediency was as a general thing more of a consideration than cold and naked jus- ples. The overthrow of a single Re tice. For instance, he incurred the anger of his king in his opposition to our war for Colonies, or because the Colonies should be left to decide the matter for themselves. but because it was not prudent to exercise place he would have based his opposition upon the higher ground which he has always maintained on every question that has come before the country. Here we have the great and striking difference between the two men. But in other respects they possessed many points of resemblance; in their extraordinary ability; their long ground and a new balance of power in our service; their extensive learning; their hatred of show and pretences; their great oratorical power, and, it must be said, their intense egotism. Burke, like Sumner, would not brook opposition. He quarreled with his best and most intimate friends because they differed from him on questions of swiftest witness is the "discharged servant." general policy. He denounced Fox in Par. In the English courts such testimony liament, and sundered a thousand friendships which had been among the sweetest and most precious of his life. But what law the dismissed servant is always assumed ever faults Mr. Summer may have possessed will all be forgotten now that he is no more. His memory and his fame will be precious, not only to us, but to every one in every more than any other man, he has led out of

THE BALANCE OF POWER. approximate idea of the relative strength in day with a pickax. the country of the Republican and Demoeratic parties. The latter, frightened at administration, aided much to demoralize the opposition and attracted many votes to the ticket. The result was an unprecedented yictory and a popular majority in

his favor which overwhelmed his opponents he saw his visionary profits float away. with dismay. It is therefore idle to at-tempt to base any calculation of future re-ness if only properly handled. tempt to base any calculation of future results upon the figures of his great victory.

Politicians who are in the habit of speculating on this subject look to Indians. Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York as holding the balance of power in national affairs, and all other things being equal, they are probably right in doing so, but in this instance the majorities rolled up by those States in support of the Republican ticket do not afford any certain ground for the predication of a Engineer of what! Who has given him a and while the Republicans have some as-All communications, whether on business or these States seem to have become debatable for publication, should be addressed to WH. J. BURLAGH, Proprietor, NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, SO to speak, in favor of the Republicans. to speak, in favor of the Republicans While we, all know that Kentucky and Georgia are as irredeemably Demo-

cratic as Vermont and South Carolina are Republican, we are forced to admit that the doubtful States of which we speak are liable at any time to deceive the reliant faith in them of either party. This admission being accepted as final, it becomes the duty of both parties, in the interest of self-preservation, to exert themselves now in the "off year," and at all times, to secure in the "off year," and at all times, to secure in the self-preservation at all times at 11:20 p. m., Duracon the 10th inst. at 11:20 p. m the advancement of their respective claims for the support of the people of those States. The Republican party is doing this now apparently in a very acceptable manner; but a question arises right here almost the central figure in a small band of men who led the Republic and the world of a more certain and profitable character. The feeling of doubt regarding the Middle up to higher methods, and aspirations, and States seems to have absorbed the attention ambitions in thought and action. He held an of some of our leaders to the detriment of ambitions in thought and action. He held an imperial and imperious place in our politics; our prospects in other sections. We do not, a place not won by the low arts of the demagogue, not achieved by the strength of the political machine. He was a Senator of the political machine. He was a Senator of the political machine in which the principles of the party rest that he obtained in the way of honor, and to the South. It has become so fashionable respect, and love; for Mr. Sumner was loved by the race whose rights he championed as no man was loved.

We are too near to Mr. Sumner to properly weigh as they should be weighed his character and services. The historian of character and services. The historian of graceful, and which will certainly taint the erly weigh as they should be weighed his character and services. The historian of the era in which we live, and in which Mr. Summer moved and in a great measure led, has not yet appeared. The task has been essayed again and again by men who been essayed again and again by men who tried to write from an impartial and unpressed to the stockholders at the second National tried to write from an impartial and unpressed to the stockholders at the second National state, and the people do not always relish the second National state, and the people do not always relish to the stockholders at the second National state, and the people do not always relish to the stockholders at the second National state, and the people do not always relish to the stockholders at the second National state.

Mr. Summer moved and in a great make led, has not yet appeared. The task has been essayed again and again by men who tried to write from an impartial and unpressable at the cold hand of history, but the effort has been a failure. Mr. Greeley endeavored to deal with his time, its events and its men, with has accompanied the building up of the itor failed, and any estimate the best and wisest of us may now form of him who has just passed away must in the very nature of things be blurred by the passion and prejudice of the hour, incomplete and at best unsatisfactory. Mr. Summer held a unique statisfactory. Mr. Summer held a unique place in our politics. Politicians looked to consulted the condition. Hunted from home, with their lives imperiled, and making law the face present and the property with the sacrifices of blood and property with the sacrification of course, or the face present the sacrification of the sacrificati poorest of politicians. Statesmen consulted and advised with him, and yet even his warmest friends will not claim for him that he was a statesman. He led the one class and the other without belonging to either. He was too little of a politician to be a statesman, he was too much of a statesman to be a politician. In civil life Lincoln, Sumner, Seward Class and Stan. Lincoln, Sumner, Seward, Chase and Stan-some of their friends still remain true to them, others are drifting away into new in our history which may be appropriately closed to-day with the death of the last one of them. They compare favorably in ability and in public service with any five time of our legislators, and have pointedly ability and in public service with any five of even the "Fathers." And yet how different in all that goes to make men different more recent questions; but, at the same of the and dissimilar the one to the other they were time, we have been equally earnest in our Lincoln and Seward were most alike in appeals that none of those issues should be regarded or in the least imperiled. We because it was right. Lincoln was a politician of the highest type; Seward was a statesman; Stanton, a man of iron will, indomitable courage, unflinching fidelity to we now see very plainly that if it would his country and its cause. Chase would succeed in the future, as it has in the past, it should begin to revive some of its halfforgotten interest in Southern affairs. It will not do to cower before the charges of

constitutional amendments; when it depublic life, to its grand and magnificent constitutional amendments; when it de-close, the great battle almost fought out and lief in the legality of the reconstruction If we were to seek a parallel in English acts; when it resorts to bribery, intimida-history to the career of Mr. Sumner in our own country we should point to that of mate majorities of the Southern Repub Edmund Burke. In culture and crudition licans, and when it conspires to re-establis the one was the peer of the other. Burke's the power of State rights, as it is now can State government in the Southern

States would satisfy the conspirators, and independence, not because the mother country did not have the right to tax the that section. It would dishearten the members of the party in other States; and if the act should be accomplished through the agency of Congress, it would forever banish but because it was not prudent to exercise the right. Had Mr. Sumner been in his from the possibilities of the future a return of general Republican majorities from States upon which we now have good reason to rely with implicit faith. All these things must be taken into consideration when we attempt to calculate the result of future campaigns, and unless we do this without delay we may soon find a new debatable

> political contests. THE DISCHARGED SERVANT. There is one class of witnesses of whom seekers for justice in courts of law always stand in danger—the "swift witness." The always ruled out when not sustained by collateral evidence. Under the English to be actuated by malicious motives. Hence his testimony is degraded. It is by witmalcontents propose to prove their absurd

nesses who belong to this class that the land where purity of life and devotion to free-dom and justice are honored and appreciated. Syphax is a good representative of his class. And especially will his name be held in un. He was successively dismissed from his dying remembrance by the race whom, position as messenger in the Interior Department, and then from his position on the the dark shadows of slavery into freedom colored school board. He was always in a and humanity. A truly great man has quarrel. He has had no consideration of passed away; one who has left upon his late, and hence airs his malice. There are country and his generation a deep and last others of the same class, waiting for their ing impression, whose name will be spoken turn. Two or three dozen discharged servants-discharged for cause and otherwise with love and veneration by millions yet stand ready to asperse the actions of their employers. Some are frank enough to say

that they need the two dollars a day they The last Presidential election was not con-tested sufficiently close to furnish even an bread. They had better earn two dollars a

SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK. and ashamed of its own ghastly record, abandoned the field by indersing a bolt from the former, and following the leadership of one whose prominence as an enemy of Democratic principles had won for him a name and fame throughout all Christendom. Many Democrats were thereby disgusted and abstained from voting, or, from motives of pure spite, voted for the Republican candidates. The popularity of President Grant, his strength outside of the ranks of his own party, and the general satisfaction that had been given by his previous administration, aided much to demoralize

SOMB QUESTIONS TO ASK.

We observe that among the witnesses called for by the memorialists is Captain W. B. Parisen, the asphalt pavement man, one of the best of them. When he is on the stand we suggest that Judge Merrick or Mr. Wilson ask him about his little arrangement with Columbus Alexander about "patent pavements." ask him to tell how many valuable contracts Columbus promised to get for him for a division of the profits; how vast the influence of Columbus was in getting the aforessid contracts: whether the (Parisen) didn't get tired of waiting for Columbus' invisible influence, and go off

any certain ground for the predication of a Engineer of what? Who has given him a prophecy. The Democrats must have job in the last ten years? When he is on learned that they cannot be relied upon, the stand, let him tell the committee, as of course he will, how much money Columsurance that their majorities may continue. bus Alexander and Gibson, the detective as in the past, to be cast for the Republican ticket, they cannot afford to trust them surveys, &c., to which he has put his name. without some grains of doubt. In short, That's his only "job" that anybody knows of.

A CARD which Mr. Murat Helstead, the editor of the Cincinnati Commercial, has has requested in our columns, has been un avoidably "crowded out" of this issue, but will appear to-morrow.

invited.

SULLIVAN.—On the 96th inst., at 1780 p. m., ANN
SULLIVAN. aged forty-four years.

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SPECIAL NOTICES. MASSACHUSETTS REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION — A special meeting of this association will be beid at Clarke's hall, 69 from vania avenue, THIS EVENINO, at 729 of circle, to take such action as may be decined proper with reference to the deal of the Charles Summer.

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